

CEF Conference, Friday, June 10 at Džemal Bijedić University of Mostar

ASSESSING LANGUAGE COMPETENCE WITH A COMMON LANGUAGE FRAMEWORK

How you can use the CEF – the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages for more effective language instruction -- and learning

Džemal Bijedić University of Mostar invites foreign-language teachers in the Balkans to a one-day CEF seminar

All day, Friday, June 10, 2005

at

Džemal Bijedić University, Mostar, BiH

Purpose:

To exchange practical information about the CEF's effect on foreign language instruction and open a door to fully-integrated European academic standards

Program highlights:

Easing your classroom and your students toward competitive language skills

Assessing students' listening, speaking, reading and writing in reliable ways

Connecting language skills to jobs

Exchanging ideas with your professional peers

We welcome registration from:

Foreign-language teachers at the high school or university level

University rectors and deans at Faculties of Philology, Pedagogy or Humanities

Language Programs

Persons with professional involvement in language acquisition

Participant Fee: EUR 19.00, includes lunch and CEF materials

Topics/Speakers/Schedule

Arrival and sign-in (with coffee bar and pastries): 9:00-9:45

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General session:

10-minute overview of What Brings Us Here Today

15-minute Keynote topic: What the CEF is and isn't / a tool or a paradigm shift

20-minute roundtable of university experience,

5-minute intro to break-out sessions and how to sign up – M.C.

10:45-11:00 – Break

11:00-12:00 -- First break-out sessions: Choice of one

Testing language use in speech, an overview, Craig Dicker
Testing written language, an overview, Annie P.
5 ways to get students to use the target language in class ... from Day One
Team taught

12:00-1:00 -- Qualifying exams meet the CEF – company representatives from
TOEFL-Test, Cambridge-Exams, DELE-Test and Goethe-Institut

1:00-2:00 alfresco lunch buffet – collect written questions
participants have so far

2:00-3:00 Using the target language in the Beginners' classroom, Annie P.
Teaching for language USE, methods and approaches for a
communicative classroom: team taught
Training Oral Testers, Craig Dicker (all afternoon!)

Undeclared stretch break

3:15-4:00 Panel: Can the CEF help a language learner get a job?
Representatives from industry, tourism and higher education

4:00-4:30 Experts called on to answer written questions with
M.C. as moderator

4:30-5:00 5 steps you can take now - at your school, in your classroom

5:00-5:15 Closing toast with comment by Dean Ustamujic

Participant

Fee: 38 KM, includes lunch
Free for students who want to sit in (sans lunch and handouts)

Handouts: Sources for listening assessments
Sources for reading assessment
CEF assessment grids, all skills

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Registration Form

Fax this form to: Judy at 387 (0)36 571 559

Register early, but we won't collect the 19 euro (KM 38) conference fee until you arrive on June 10.

Family name:

First name:

Professional affiliation:

Position or work:

e-mail address:

daytime phone:

postal address:

(note: DBU will not forward any of your contact information to any other institution, nor contact you for any other purpose than this conference and its follow-up.)

Your own first language (for purposes of translation at the seminar):

Language(s) taught:

Your students' academic level(s):

Your students' language proficiency level(s):

WHAT WORKS: Whenever teachers gather, we like to exchange ideas that work for our students. At the CEF conference, several instructors will post their methods for discussion and exchange.

Are you willing to bring a poster that describes your work? (yes/no)

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Hotel Information:

Mostar is a lovely (warm) destination in June. You might want to arrive early or stay a day longer to enjoy the city. The following hotels are within walking distance of DBU.

Hotel Mostar
Single – 27 eu
Double – 43 eu
Tel: 387.36.317 950

Hotel Bristol
Single – 28 – 38 eu
Double – 58 eu
Tel: 387.36.500.500

Hotel Ero
Single – 44 eu
Double – 74 eu
Tel: 387.36.386.777